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SUBJECT: LPDR PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER

1. SOMBAT CHOUNLAMANY, CHIEF, WESTERN AND PACIFIC
NATIONAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRES, APRIL 4
HANDED ME A LETTER DATED MARCH 31 FROM PRESIDENT
SOUPHANOUVONG REPLYING TO THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER
WHICH THE WOODCOCK COMMISSION HAD DELIVERED MARCH 20.

2. LETTER IS IN LAO, ACCOMPANIED BY ENGLISH
TRANSLATION. TEXT OF THIS TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE:

(TRANSLATION)

MARCH 31ST, 1977.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER ON MARCH 20TH, WHICH WAS
HANDED TO ME BY MR. LEONARD WOODCOCK AND YOUR COMMISSION

I THINK THIS VISIT OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL
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COMMISSION AND THE TALKS IT HAD WITH THE LAO GOVERN-
MENT'S REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN A GOOD THING, I.E. A
GOOD BEGINNING FOR BETTERING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN
BOTH OUR COUNTRIES, CONSISTENT WITH THE WISHES OF THE
LAO GOVERNMENT AND SURELY IN CONFORMITY WITH YOUR HOPE
AS EXPRESSED IN YOUR LETTER.

ALTHOUGH THE RESULT OF THIS MEETING DID NOT YET
FULLY RESPOND TO THE AIM OF BOTH SIDES, IT, HOWEVER,
FORMS A GOOD BASIS FOR ATTAINING THAT AIM IN THE NEAR
FUTURE. FOR, BOTH SIDES HAD ENDEAVOURED TO TALK UN-
RESERVEDLY FROM THEIR POINTS OF VIEW ON MATTERS CONCERNED
AND HAD EXPRESSED ENGAGEMENTS FOR STRIVING TO SOLVE
THESE PROBLEMS TO THE SATISFACTION OF BOTH LAO AND
AMERICANS.

I MYSELF AND THE LAO GOVERNMENT SINCERELY HOPE
THAT
YOU WILL URGE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO CONCRETIZE
WHAT YOUR PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION HAD SAID WITH A VIEW
TO BETTERING OUR LAO-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND FOR THE
BENEFIT OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.

SINCERELY

SOUPHANOUVONG

HIS EXCELLENCY JIMMY CARTER

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

WASHINGTON, D.C. U.S.A. END QUOTE.

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